

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates generally to a shirred concertina formed from a seamless, tubular foodstuff casing that is tied-off at one end, and has an outer surface provided with a coating or impregnation including a food additive. The tied-off end of the present casing is
5 turned back inwardly, into the hollow cavity formed by the concertina. Concertinas of the present invention are particularly adapted for use with automatic sausage filling, portioning, and clipping machines.